

REMARKS

By this Amendment, claims 12-14 and 16-45 are pending.


In the Office Action of May 27, 2005, the Examiner rejected claim 12-19 and 28-34 as being indefinite. The Examiner stated that certain phrases are unclear for having two elements written in the alternative. Specifically, claims 12 and 28 were rejected as having alternative expressions. Claim 16 was rejected as lacking antecedent basis for the term "the connecting means." Claim 17 was rejected as being grammatically vague and claim 33 had the term "or the like." Each of these rejections has been addressed in the Amendment. Phrases have been rewritten to be definite. Alternative expressions using "or" are acceptable as per MPEP 2173.05(i)(II), referring to *In re Gaubert*, 524 F.2d 1222, 187 USPQ 664 (CCPA 1975).

The Examiner indicated that claims 15 and 28-34 would be allowable if the rejections under 112, second paragraph, are overcome. The amendments to the claims overcomes the rejections for indefiniteness and the subject matter of claim 15 has been inserted into claim 12 and claim 15 cancelled.

The claims are allowable and favorable action is eagerly and earnestly solicited. If any issues remain and the Examiner believes that a telephone conversation would resolve such issues, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned attorney.

If any additional fees are due and owing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account 08-2455.

Respectfully submitted,


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